(c) what steps have been taken to implement the suggestions for improving the programmes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Prasar Bharti has informed that procedure for production and telecast of programmes (other than News) on National Channel consists of in-house production by utilizing Doordarshan's infra-structural facilities, by acquiring of commercially sponsored and royalty basis, from outside proceduers and by commissioning eminment outside producers. The Selection committee takes into consideration quality and presentation of programme, content of programme, commercial viability of programme and social objectives and programme requirements of Doordarshan.

(b) and (c) Complaints/suggestions about the quality of programmes telecast on Doordarshan are received regularly from the viewers. No centralized record of such complaints/suggestions is maintained in Doordarshan. Doordarshan constantly strives to bring about a qualitative improvement in its programmes in order to sustain the interest of the viewers.

To ensure this, the content, treatment and production values of programmes are regularly previewed and changes required are carried out. Doordarshan is continuously taking various steps to improve the professional standards in the presentation of its programmes. Latest techniques are also being adopted for improvement in quality of presentation.

Recommendations of the Commission on Expenditure

†68. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to give an appropriate size to her Ministry instead of downsizing the same as per the recommendation of the Commission on Expenditure;

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(b) if so, the plan Government have formulated to give an appropriate size to all the departments under the control of the Ministry; and

(c) by when the Government have decided to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No such decision has been taken.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Telecast of Programmes on DD-I and DD Metro Channel

69. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Prasar Bharati has decided to entrust the job of the telecasting -of the programmes on DD-I and DD Metro Channels to other, institutions instead of producing and telecasting the programmes on" its own;

(b) if so, when this decision was taken; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Global operations by NFDC

*70. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Film Development Corporation Limited is planning to focus on global operations in a more concerted way;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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